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The congregation of St. Mary of the Annunciation did not submit material for the Diocesan Survey so the following brief report is based primarily upon data gathered from the Diocesan Journal and from the United States Census Bureau publications.

St. Mary's Church building is a neat and well maintained small brick structure, with the rectory, one of a row of houses, adjoining. The neighborhood is a strongly Italian community in the Kensington section of Philadelphia.

The following tables give information on population changes and characteristics of the six census tracts which are closest to the location of St. Mary's Church. The buildings are in Tract 45-H. The community is a remarkably homogeneous one in terms of age structure, between 25 and 30% of the population being under 15 years of age and between 10 and 12% being aged 65 or older. With the exception of Census Tract 25-B, the non-white population is small, according to the 1960 census figures.

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	POPULATION 1950	POPULATION 1960	% CHANGE	% 14 & UNDER	% 65 & OVER	% NON-WHITE
25-A	10,692	9,533	-10.7	25.2	11.5	0.2
25-B	10,665	9,300	-12.8	28.2	9.7	5.2
25-C	14,568	12,291	-15.6	24.3	11.7	0.07
45-G	NA	9,428	-	25.5	11.9	0.2
45-H	NA	2,412	-	24.4	11.9	0.2
45-I	NA	6,670	-	24.7	11.8	0.2
		49,634				1.2

The population is also homogeneous in terms of the education of the adults, the median number of school years completed by adults aged 25 or more as of 1960 being between 8.4 and 8.8. An unusually high proportion of the 1960 population was living in the same house during that year as in 1955. Altogether, the neighborhood of St. Mary's Church was a remarkably stable one, as of 1960.

	EDUCATION OF ADULTS 25 YRS. OF AGE & OVER				RESIDENCE 1960
CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	% H.S. GRAD.	% COLLEGE 1-3 YRS.	% COLLEGE GRAD.	MED. ED.	SAME AS 1955 PERCENT
25-A	15.1	2.6	1.2	8.7	66.2
25-B	12.5	1.8	1.1	8.7	75.9
25-C	13.0	2.2	2.2	8.5	75.3
45-G	12.7	2.5	2.0	8.8	67.2
45-H	7.0	2.0	0.5	8.4	70.8
45-I	10.9	2.0	2.1	8.5	75.9

The following table gives information gathered from the membership map submitted by the churches of the diocese. It shows the strength of the Episcopal Church with the exception of the membership of St. Mary's Church. There is no way of estimating the distribution of the membership accurately, although it is presumed that a large proportion of the 421 members reported in the Diocesan Journal, are to be found in Census Tract 45-H.

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THE CHURCH PROGRAM

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Since St. Mary's Church did not submit a Church Self-Study Form, it is not possible to make any analysis of the life of the congregation.

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

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As has been noted earlier, St. Mary's Church did not submit a map for the Diocesan Survey. Accordingly, the 421 persons have been noted as being in Philadelphia but unlocated as far as tracts are concerned.

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

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CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
X 45H PHI UN LO	421	1000
	421	1000

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

For the purposes of the Survey, figures were gathered from Diocesan Journals for every fifth year from 1940 through 1960 and for the next three years. Those figures and computations based on them may be found on the following page. The next few paragraphs are intended to highlight the data contained therein, rather than to provide a complete analysis.

The attention of the congregation is called to an apparent error in the records of 1961 in that the baptized membership was shown as 1,960 persons in the Diocesan Journals. The membership for 1962 also seems rather large in comparison with the figures for 1960 and 1963. The communicant strength shows a sharp drop between 1962 and 1963, suggesting that there has been a change in the method of membership bookkeeping.

From 1961 through 1963, the ratios of baptisms and confirmations to the communicant strength averaged 2.4% and 3.4% respectively. In 1963, of course, with a lower communicant strength, the ratios were correspondingly effected.

With the uncertainty as to the actual communicant strength of St. Mary's Church for 1961 and 1962, it is difficult to evaluate the reported average expenditure per communicant for those two years. In 1963, that average was $45.86, compared with the diocesan average of $71.54 and the Philadelphia average of $114.73. The Kensington average was $59.73.

From 1961 through 1963, St. Mary's Church set aside 12.3% of its total reported expenditures for

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work outside of the parish. That figure compares favorably with the Kensington ratio of 10.0% and the Philadelphia ratio of 12.2%, although it is somewhat lower than the diocesan average of 14.9%.

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VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH ST. MARY/ANNUNCIATION TOWN PHILADELPHIA

COUNTY PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	534	339	335	261	272	1960	421	165
Communicants	434	279	269	NR	270	275	271	121
Church School	113	67	57	41	52	54	46	38
Baptisms	12	10	7	8	10	4	5	7
Percentage of Communicants	2.8	3.6	2.6	—	3.7	1.5	1.8	5.8
Confirmations	9	14	8	11	12	13	6	4
Percentage of Communicants	2.1	5.0	3.0	—	4.4	4.7	2.2	3.3
Parochial Expenditures 1	2,647	3,551	4,771	6,206	6,497	2,973	2907	3781
Special Par. Expenditures 2	809	53	267	300	102	321	358	1275
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	80	2	135	—	439	558	572	493
Total Reported Expenditures	3,536	3,606	5,173	6,506	7,038	3,852	3,837	5,549
Expenditures per Communicant	8.15	12.92	19.23		26.07	14.01	14.16	45.86
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	0.18	0.01-	0.50		1.63	2.03	2.11	4.07

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1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.

2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.

3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

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DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

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St. Mary's Church did not submit an Episcopal Census so that no information is available on the composition of the congregation.

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DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Because a sufficient amount of data were not received from this congregation there can be no discussion and recommendations made for the parish program, nor suggestions as to plans for the future.